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TAGS: PREL, UNSC, RW, PK
SUBJECT: REPLACEMENT OF RWANDA ON THE UNSC

REF: STATE 183008

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. POLMILOFF RAISED U.S. VIEWS ON REPLACING RWANDA ON THE UN
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SECURITY COUNCIL WITH SHAUKAT UMER, MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR UN
AFFAIRS, PROVIDING TALKING POINTS FROM REFTEL.

3. UMER SAID THAT RWANDA WAS NOT A MAJOR SECURITY COUNCIL
ISSUE FOR PAKISTAN AND THAT PAKISTAN WAS CONCERNED THAT THE P-4
DID NOT APPEAR TO HAVE A CLEAR COMMON POSITION ON THE NEXT
STEPS AFTER THE USE OF FRENCH FORCES. POLMILOFF SAID THAT HE
THOUGHT THAT THERE WAS MORE CONSENSUS THAN THAT BUT THE
PROBLEM, AS IN OTHER CASES, WAS THE SLOWNESS OF UN PROCEDURES
IN A CASE THAT NEEDED URGENT ATTENTION.

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4. HOWEVER, POLMILOFF SAID THAT THE ISSUE WE WERE RAISING WAS A NARROWER ONE -- WHAT TO DO WITH RWANDA'S SEAT ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL GIVEN THAT THE DELEGATION IN NEW YORK REPRESENTED A GROUP RESPONSIBLE FOR MANY OF THE ATROCITIES AND DID NOT REFLECT THE SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY. IN SUCH CASES, THE USUAL PRACTICE WAS TO DECLARE THE SEAT VACANT UNTIL THE SITUATION STABILIZED. THIS WAS ADEQUATE FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BUT POSED PROBLEMS FOR SECURITY COUNCIL PROCEDURES, PARTICULARLY SINCE IN SEPTEMBER RWANDA WOULD HAVE TO CHAIR THE COUNCIL.

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5. UMER SAID THAT HE RECOGNIZED THE PROBLEM AND WOULD RAISE IT WITH THE FOREIGN SECRETARY. HOWEVER, HE THOUGHT THAT PAKISTAN WOULD WANT TO KNOW THE VIEWS OF THE OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES ON THE COUNCIL. THESE SEATS ON THE COUNCIL WERE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS AND THE REGION CONCERNED SHOULD HAVE THE PRIMARY SAY. THEREFORE, PAKISTAN WOULD LIKELY DEFER TO THEIR VIEWS. POLMILOFF RESPONDED THAT ONE ASPECT OF THE U.S. POSITION WAS THAT THE AFRICAN STATES WOULD SELECT A REPLACEMENT FOR RWANDA. UMER PROMISED TO GET BACK TO EMBASSY WHEN THE MFA HAD CONSIDERED PAKISTAN'S POSITION. MONJO

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